

# STYLEPHORUS CHORDATUS.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Oculi* pedunculati (seu cylindro crasso brevi impositi.)

*Rostrum* productum, sursum spectans, versus caput membrana interjecta retractile.

*Os* terminale, edentulum?

*Branchiæ* trium parium sub jugulō sitæ.

*Pinnæ pectorales* parvæ; *dorsalis* longitudine dorsi, caudalis brevis, radiato-spinosa.

*Corpus* longissimum, compressum.

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Cum rarissimum hunc piscem in primo volumine Actorum Societatis Linnæanæ jam descriperim, fatis erit lectores admonere fideliter in tabula depingi naturalem animalis magnitudinem, coloremque (exceptis capite pinnisque fuscis) esse splendide argenteum.

Captus fuit *Stylephorus chordatus* juxta parvulas aliquot insulas non longe a Cuba distantes. Specimen, quod unicum in Europa extare creditur, undeque exaravi descriptionem quæ actis inferitur Societatis Linnæanæ, conspici possit in Museo Leveriano.

Novum genus constituit piscis, cujus alia nulla hactenus cognita est species.

THE  
CHORDATED STYLEPHORUS.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Eyes* pedunculated; standing on a short, thick cylinder.

*Snout* lengthened; directed upwards; retractile towards the head by means of a membrane.

*Mouth* without teeth?

*Branchiæ* three pair, beneath the throat.

*Fins pectoral* small; *dorsal* the length of the back; *caudal* short, with spiny rays.

*Body* very long; compressed.

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Having already described this highly curious animal in the first Volume of the Transactions of the Linnæan Society, I shall at present only observe that it is here represented in its natural size; that the color (except on the head and fins, which are brown) is a bright silver; and that it was taken near a cluster of small islands not far from the coast of Cuba. The only specimen yet known in Europe, and from which the description above referred to in the Linnæan Transactions was drawn up, is preserved in the Leverian Museum.

I need not add that this fish constitutes a new genus, of which no other species has yet been discovered.

